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The reply filed on May 2, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have failed to comply with the Restriction Requirement because valid species elections have not been chosen. The species election requirement for haptens 1 and 2, in which 1 species must be chosen, is clearly set forth in the Restriction Requirement. See 37 CFR 1.111. Applicants have chosen bacteria or cancer for the first and second hapten. This does not comply with the requirement to choose one species. Further, the applicants were directed to choose nucleic acid group 1, 2 or 3 as designated in the specification. The examiner directs applicants to pages 25 and 26 for nucleic acid groupings; Group I consists of Seq IDs 3-5, Group II consists of Seq IDs 6-12, Group III consists of Seq IDs 13-19. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Drabik whose telephone number is 703-605-1156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9am to 5pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Clark, can be reached on 703-305-4051. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-308-4242.

Inquiries of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1234. Questions regarding review of formality issues may be directed to Kim Davis, the patent analyst assisting in this application. She may be reached at 703-305-3015.

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